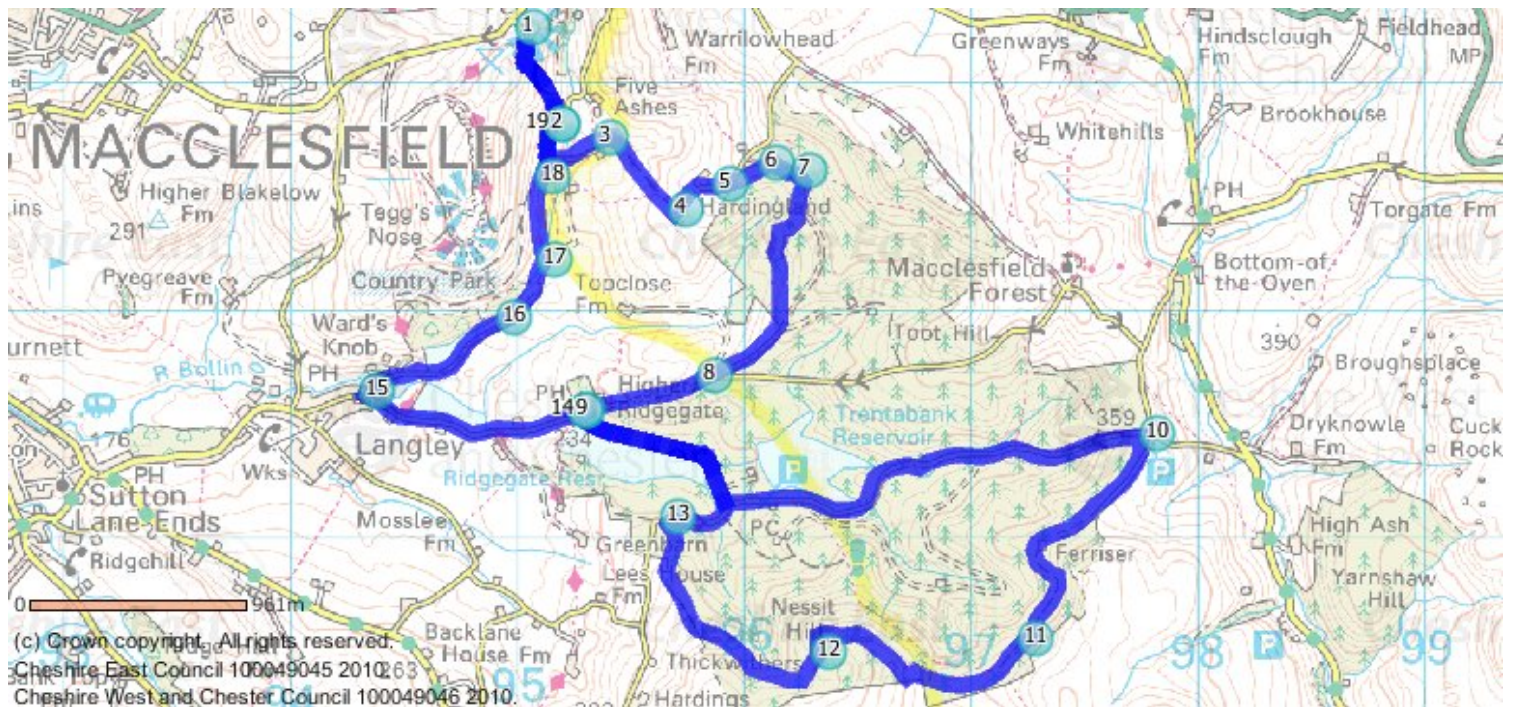


Teggs Nose & Macclesfield Forest 1 A varied ride with fantastic views across the Cheshire Plain, Peak District and Forest.

Grade	Challenging
Distance	14.5 km / 9 miles
Time	3 hours
Start	Tegg's Nose Country Park
Map	OS Explorer 268 Landranger 118
Terrain	Steep stony paths & forest tracks
Barriers	4 bridle gates 4 field gates
Toilets	Tegg's Nose Country Park
Contact	Tel: 01625 614279



Route Details

This ride, devised by the North Cheshire Riders group, offers a range of fantastic views across the Cheshire Plain, across Cheshire's Peak District and across the trees and reservoirs of Macclesfield Forest.

Location:

Tegg's Nose Country Park is located on the Buxton Old Road and is signposted off the Macclesfield to Buxton road, the A537, to the east of Macclesfield. Postcode for satnavs: SK11 0AP, OS grid ref SJ 950733.

Parking:

At Tegg's Nose Country Park horsebox-accessible pay and display car park is available on site: park near the visitor centre, or if it is busy and a ranger is on site, you can ask to use the overflow car park. Permits are available. There are 2 designated disabled parking bays and blue badge holders can park free of charge. Parking is also available beside Ridgeway Reservoir with a tying up area (OS grid reference SJ 957713) but this can be busy. Alternatively, Standing Stone car park (OS grid reference SJ 978714) where there is a cattle grid and bypass with an un-latched 1.5 m / 5' bridle gate.

Toilets:

Toilets are available at the Tegg's Nose Country Park visitor centre and at the Macclesfield Forest visitor centre, including ones accessible with RADAR lock access.

Refreshments:

No refreshments are available at Tegg's Nose Country Park, although an ice cream van visits the site at times during the summer. Refreshments are available in the summer and at winter weekends at the Macclesfield Forest visitor centre. The Leathers Smithy pub is passed twice on the route. Picnic benches are located at Tegg's Nose Country Park parking area and around the Macclesfield Forest visitor centre, including tables with spaces for wheelchair users.

Further information:

Tegg's Nose Country Park: A rangers' office and visitor centre is located on site and is open daily from 9am – 4.30pm. Tel: 01625 614279 Email: teggs@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Macclesfield Forest visitor centre:

Tel: 01629 816200 Email: trentabank@peakdistrict.gov.uk Web: www.peakdistrict.org

Directions

1. From Tegg's Nose Country Park enjoy the stunning views over Macclesfield Forest to the 'Cheshire Matterhorn' of Shutlingsloe. Then take the permissive bridleway signposted 'Sadler's Way', down a steep and stony path which is paved in sections. Pass through a 2.4 m / 8' field gate with low extended handle.
2. At the tarmaced lane, turn right and follow it swinging left downhill past Clough House Farm, signed 'Macclesfield Forest' and 'Forest Chapel'.
3. When the tarmac peters out by a house, continue along the stony track, swinging first right, then over a small ford, and then swinging left at the junction of tracks after seeing a footpath sign on either side of the track.
4. At Hardingland house, keep straight ahead on the tarmaced Hacked Way Lane.
5. Where the lane bears left, go through the 1.5 m / 5' bridle gate with low extended handle, into the forest. This is signed as a public footpath and permissive 'Forest Bridleway'.
6. Follow the mud path through the trees, bearing right at a junction of paths, signed 'Forest Chapel'.
7. Just passed a building ruin, turn right onto a forestry track signposted 'Langley' and 'Forest Bridleway'.
8. At the bottom of this track, go through the 1.5 m / 5' bridle gate with extended handle and turn right along the road right downhill to the Leathers Smithy pub, again signposted 'Forest Bridleway'. Enjoy the views to your right back across to Tegg's Nose.
9. Turn left to ride with Ridgeway reservoir on your right hand side, following the road left at the junction signposted 'Forest Chapel' and 'Wildboarclough'. Pass the Macclesfield Forest visitor centre and continue up the hill with views through the trees to Trentabank reservoir on your left.
10. At the top of the hill you will come to a junction of roads adjacent to Standing Stone car park. Here, take the public footpath and permissive bridleway on your right signposted 'Shutlingsloe' via a 1.5 m / 5' bridle gate with extended handle.
11. Follow this forestry track into the forest passing an old building. Continue straight on at the first junction of paths (signposted 'Trentabank' and at the second junction of paths bear left signposted 'Forest Bridleway'. Enjoy the views of Shutlingsloe behind you as you make your way to viewpoint over the forest and reservoirs.
12. From the viewpoint, continue down to a road and 1.5 m / 5' bridle gate with extended handle.

13. At the road turn right and shortly turn left signposted 'Langley' to pass Ridgegate reservoir again this time on your left.
14. At the Leathers Smithy pub turn left downhill towards Langley village along a Quite Lane.
15. As you reach Langley take Holehouse Lane, the first road on your right. Climb up to the level of the reservoirs and continue straight on along the public bridleway signposted 'Forest Chapel', with Bottoms Reservoir on your right and Tegg'snose Reservoir on your left.
16. Follow the bridleway into Tegg's Nose Country Park via a field gate (left open) or old cattle grid. Continue along the stone track over a ford and up wide horse steps.
17. Go through a 2.7 m / 9' field gate with extended handle and follow up the stony sunken lane bordered by a stone wall.
18. Continue through a 3 m / 10' field gate with low extended handle and at the tarmaced road turn left uphill signposted 'car park'.
19. Bear left up the Sadler's Way permissive bridleway which, after the 2.4 m / 8' field gate with low extended handle, will bring you back to Tegg's Nose Country Park.